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SUBJECT: BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION REJECTS BUTHELEZI'S  
NATIONAL CONVENTION; OTHER BLACKS ENDORSE IDEA

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1. CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI'S CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION OF BLACK LEADERS, VOICED DURING HIS MARCH SOWETO SPEECH AND LATER TAKEN UP BY THE ZULU CULTURAL/POLITICAL ORGANIZATION INKATHA, HAS BEEN REJECTED BY THE BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION (BPC). BPC VICE PRESIDENT MXOLISI MVOVO (CURRENTLY ACTING PRESIDENT DUE TO DETENTION OF HLAKE RACHIDI) CRITICIZED QTE DIVISION TRIBAL INSTITUTIONS TO BREAK BLACK SOLIDARITY END QTE AND ACCUSED INKATHA, THE HOMELANDS GOVERNMENTS, AND INDIAN AND COLORED COUNCILS OF BEING ENEMIES OF BLACK LIBERATION. MVOVO FURTHER DECLARED THAT BEFORE BPC WOULD TALK "LIBERATION" WITH INKATHA, THE LATTER SHOULD IMMEDIATELY (A) WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATING IN TRIBAL ZWAZULU POLICY, (B) DENOUNCE PRESENT INKATHA CONSTITUTION REQUIRING ITS OFFICIALS TO BE KWAZULU CITIZENS AND INKATHA PRESIDENT TO BE CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF MINISTER, AND (C) DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM "GOVERNMENT-PAID POLITICAL SERVANTS". CHIEF BUTHELEZI IN RESPONSE CATEGORIZED BPC AS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY AND POLITICALLY UNTESTED FRINGE GROUP WHICH INKATHA DID NOT WANT

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TO MAKE MORE IMPORTANT BY ENGAGING WITH IT IN POLITICAL

BICKERING.

2. A NUMBER OF OTHER BLACK LEADERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF A BLACK NATIONAL CONVENTION. THESE INCLUDE J.N. REDDY, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDIAN COUNCIL, M.J. NAIDOO, PRESIDENT OF THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS, NORMAN MIDDLETON, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COLORED LABOR PARTY, AND SONNY LEON, LEADER OF THE LABOR PARTY. TO DATE, BUTHELEZI'S SUGGESTION HAS NOT MOVED BEYOND THE STAGE OF DISCUSSION: NO DATES OR LOCATIONS HAVE YET TO BE SUGGESTED.  
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